

Washington State to restore and enhance conditions in riparian areas by planting trees and shrubs for the benefit of fishery habitat and water quality; and

Whereas, The conservation reserve enhancement program is available for a number of categories of agricultural lands but is not available to lands that produce perennial horticultural crops;

Now, therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture review the department's policies regarding the conservation reserves enhancement program and alter those policies to allow the inclusion in the program of lands that are currently used to produce perennial horticultural crops. Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, Ann Veneman, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-51. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Missouri relative to the Individuals with Disabilities Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the original passage of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 1975 established a program of free appropriate public education to better enable students with disabilities to achieve their greatest potential; and

Whereas, IDEA also represented an advance in civil rights for disabled children through equal protection; and

Whereas, Missouri has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving our children with disabilities through provision of special education and related services to over 127,000 students (14.18 percent of public school enrollment); and

Whereas, the original intent of the 94th Congress was to fund IDEA at 40% of the average per pupil expenditures for Part B of IDEA, but funding has never exceeded 13%; and

Whereas, federal law requires school districts to meet federal standards, but Congress has not provided the promised funding necessary to achieve those standards; and

Whereas, Missouri and several other states have legal prohibitions on passing unfunded mandates to the local level and therefore must either make up the shortfall or ask local districts to do so and thereby risk litigation; and

Whereas, local districts must then cover the mandated expenses of special education and reduce funding for teachers, textbooks and supplies, building maintenance and repair, as well as meet the counterproductive reporting burden which severely reduces teacher availability; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urge that before the 107th Congress considers any other education initiatives, that IDEA receive prompt and full funding, and the reporting requirements of IDEA be significantly reduced; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and every member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

POM-52. A joint resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of

Maine relative to National Parks in Maine's North Woods; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Maine residents and visitors enjoy the privilege of using large tracts of private land in the north woods for recreational uses such as snowmobiling, hunting, hiking, fishing, white water rafting and other related functions; and

Whereas, the future of that private land is of great importance to the people of Maine and their outdoor heritage; and

Whereas, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and many of the large landowners have or are entering into cooperative wildlife management agreements that ensure the future of critical wildlife population in the north woods; and

Whereas, state agencies and nonprofit organizations are cooperating in an unprecedented effort to secure permanent rights of access to the north woods and keep valuable recreational property and natural habitat undeveloped through conservation easements; and

Whereas, federal ownership or control of the north woods would create many problems including limitations on access and use and loss of local and state control of these areas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, oppose the creation of a national park in Maine's north woods and request that the President of the United States and Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton abandon plans to conduct a feasibility study concerning establishing a national park in Maine's north woods; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments.

S. 718: A bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 107-16).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 872. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; read the first time.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 873. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 874. A bill to require health plans to include infertility benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BREAU (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 875. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for taxpayers owning certain commercial power takeoff vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 876. A bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the "John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act," to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program and the Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Stewardship Grant Program, to extend the programs under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 877. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require that a warning label be affixed to arsenic-treated wood sold in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REED, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SARABANES, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 88. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH, of Oregon) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

S. 88

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 88, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to ensure that all Americans gain timely and equitable access to the Internet over current and future generations of broadband capability.

S. 104

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Montana